

CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Washington February 10, 1864, extending joint
commission established by convention of September 10, 1857*
Senate advice and consent to ratification June 25, 1864
Ratified by the President of the United States July 9, 1864
Ratified by Colombia November 17, 1864
Ratifications exchanged at Washington August 19, 1865
Entered into force August 19, 1865
Proclaimed by the President of the United States August 19, 1865
Expired May 19, 1866

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WHEREAS a Convention for the adjustment of claims was concluded between the United States of America and the Republic of New Granada in the city of Washington on the 10th September 1857,¹ which Convention as afterwards amended by the contracting parties was proclaimed by the President of the United States on the 8th November 1860;

AND WHEREAS the Joint Commission organized under the authority conferred by the preceding mentioned Convention did fail, by reason of uncontrollable circumstances to decide all the claims laid before them under its provisions within the time to which their proceedings were limited by the 4th Article thereof;

The United States of America and the United States of Colombia—the latter representing the late Republic of New Granada—are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the Commission should be so extended as to admit the examination and adjustment of such claims as were presented to but not settled by the Joint Commission aforesaid and to this end have named Plenipotentiaries to agree upon the best mode of accomplishing this object, that is to say, the President of the United States of America, William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and the President of the United States of Colombia, Senor Manuel Murillo, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of Colombia;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, have agreed as follows:—

¹ TS 56, *ante*, p. 888.

ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree that the time limited in the Convention above referred to for the termination of the Commission shall be extended for a period not exceeding nine months from the exchange of ratifications of this Convention, it being agreed that nothing in this Article contained, shall in any otherwise alter the provisions of the Convention above referred to; and that the Contracting parties shall appoint Commissioners anew, and an Umpire shall be chosen anew, in the manner, and with the duties and powers respectively expressed in the said former Convention.

ARTICLE II

The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at Washington this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD	[SEAL]
M. MURILLO	[SEAL]